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SPEAKER BROMM: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Members, the question before us is whether debate shall cease. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LR 11CA.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, why are some of my fellow colleagues so afraid to let the people in your district vote on advancing this and letting the people decide whether they want this type of an endeavor? We were all elected by those same people and I endeavor to say that every one of us in here thought they made the right choice. There are those of you, those people and your constituents, that will disagree, but all in all this is the democratic way. The Legislature still will have control of this process. We have up to eight facilities. That doesn't mean that we will instantly have eight. That will be controlled by this body. With the amendment the way it is now, it could be no more than eight, plus the tribes. And I go back to when Senator Schimek and I and others first started with this. It was because of the federal ruling and the Santee Reservation that took a means of support away from the Santee. This would crack that. This would allow tribes, Native Americans, to have casinos on their reservations, and then it would be up to the Legislature to decide how many facilities there will be in the state. I know you've all heard this argument before and I ask you to give some support to the people who have signed on this bill and move it to Final Reading. If you have any other ideas, that can be discussed there, but I certainly hope there are at least 25 votes to advance this measure, and I would give the rest of my closing time to Senator Schimek, if she would so desire to have some.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek. Does she waive? Okay, Senator Janssen, are you concluded with your closing? Senator Janssen, you're...